



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN

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DOCKET DIRECTIVE 2015 – 24

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SUBJECT: Writ of Garnishment Proceedings Regarding Collection of Blight Judgments ordered by the City of Detroit Department of Administrative Hearings

This Docket Directive is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110 and 8.111.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:


Effective: September 16, 2015

This Docket Directive applies to all actions filed by the City of Detroit pursuant to MCL 600.4027 to collect civil fines or costs ordered by the City of Detroit Department of Administrative Hearings (COD DAH) for a blight violation pursuant to MCL 117.4q. This Docket Directive is necessary for the purposes of administrative efficiency and judicial economy.

1. The following procedures apply to all Judgments filed pursuant to MCL 600.4027 on or after September 16, 2015:
 - a. As provided in the Local Administrative Order addressing the assignment of civil cases, the Chief Judge is the designee assigned to handle all cases filed to obtain a Writ of Garnishment per MCL 600.4027 and MCL 117.4q in a matter arising out of the filing of a Notice of Administrative Judgment ordered by the City of Detroit Department of Administrative Hearings.
 - b. The initial filing cannot be made until 28 days after the entry of the decision and order by the COD DAH officer. MCL 600.4027(1); MCL 117.4q(17).

- c. The initial filing must contain the COD DAH Judgment, a Notice of Filing, and a Writ of Garnishment. MCL 600.4027. All such cases shall be assigned the case-type code CZ. The County Clerk's acceptance of the Writ of Garnishment will close a case filed under this Directive.
- d. The City of Detroit may name more than one initial garnishee defendant in its cause of action. MCL 600.4027.
- e. Any final decision by a hearing officer that a blight violation exists may be enforced in the same manner as a judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction. MCL 117.4q(16). All Writs and/or Orders filed to enforce the judgment subsequent to the initial filing in paragraph 1.c. will be processed by the County Clerk's office as follows:
 - i. Requests and Writs for Garnishment and Requests and Writs for Garnishment (Income Tax Refund/Credit) shall be processed by the eFile Clerk.
 - ii. Pursuant to MCR 3.106, Orders for Seizure of Property that appoint court officers shall be processed by the eFile Clerk and forwarded to the Chief Judge's clerk for signature by the Chief Judge.
 - iii. All other Writs or Orders shall be processed by the eFile Clerk and forwarded to the Chief Judge's clerk for signature by the Chief Judge.

The Wayne County Clerk, the Third Circuit Court Case Processing Department, and the Third Circuit Court Information Technology Systems Bureau are directed to take the steps necessary to accomplish this Directive.



Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Dated: September 16, 2015